

March 25, 2009

Mike Kleinsmith, Manager  
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1985 Country Club Road  
Hood River, Oregon 97031

**Subject: Farmers Irrigation District Hydropower Project (FERC No. 6801)**

Dear Mike:

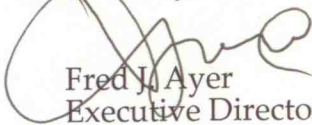
This is to confirm that the application for LIHI certification of the Farmers Irrigation District Hydropower Project has been accepted as complete. The application was posted to our website for a sixty day comment period starting March 25, 2009 and running to May 25, 2009. You will be notified of any public comments, and you can respond if you wish. Both the comment and any responses will also be posted to our website. I will also be contacting resource agencies and other potentially interested parties to alert them that the application has been filed.

LIHI will verify the information in the application and contact resource agencies as needed for confirmation. At the close of the public comment period, the Executive Director will prepare a report for the LIHI Governing Board as to whether or not the project meets the Low Impact criteria. The Governing Board will deliberate and then issue a preliminary certification decision. If the decision is to certify the project, there will be a 30-day appeal period in which any public commenters may appeal that decision to an independent Appeals Panel. If the preliminary decision is not to certify, you will have an opportunity to appeal the decision or to correct any deficiencies.

Should the final decision by the LIHI Governing Board be to certify the Farmers Irrigation District Hydropower Project, the effective date of your certification will be retroactive to the application date: March 25, 2009.

On behalf of the LIHI Governing Board, I want to express LIHI's appreciation for your support of our LIHI Certification Program. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Fred J. Ayer  
Executive Director